

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 27TH SESSION:
COUNCIL - PART III**

President's text

Please fill out one form for each textual proposal which your delegation(s) wish(es) to amend, add or delete and send to council@isa.org.jm.

1. Name of Working Group:

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2. Name(s) of Delegation(s) making the proposal:

China

3. Please indicate the relevant provision to which the textual proposal refers.

Regulation 31

Reasonable regard for other activities in the Marine Environment

4. Kindly provide the proposed amendments to the regulation or standard or guideline in the text box below, using the "track changes" function in Microsoft Word. Please only reproduce the parts of the text that are being amended or deleted.

***Note: China's amendments are in Blue**

1. Contractors shall, ~~[consistent with]~~ [taking into account] the relevant Guidelines, carry out exploitation under an exploitation contract with reasonable regard for other activities in the Marine Environment, [including but not limited to submarine cables and pipelines in the Contract Area, fishing activities and other activities], in accordance with article 147 of the Convention and the approved Environmental Management and Monitoring Plan, [Regional Environmental Management Plan] and Closure Plan ~~[and any applicable international rules and standards established by competent international organizations]~~. ~~In particular, each Contractor shall exercise [due diligence] [reasonable regard] to ensure that it does not cause damage to submarine cables or pipelines in the Contract Area~~[In particular, each Contractor should carry out Exploitation activities with reasonable regard to submarine cables or pipelines so as to avoid destroying or damaging them.][or structures deriving from other marine uses] [should carry out Exploitation activities with reasonable regard to submarine cables or pipelines so as to avoid destroying or damaging them].

5. Please indicate the rationale for the proposal. [150-word limit]

Regarding paragraph 1, it provides that each Contractor shall exercise reasonable regard to ensure that it does not cause damage to submarine cables or pipelines in the Contract Area, which goes beyond the provisions of the Convention. According to the

Convention, the Contractors should carry out Exploitation activities with reasonable regard to submarine cables or pipelines so as to avoid destroying or damaging them.